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Possible Additional Saudi Arms Requests

-- The Saudis are engaged in an ongoing effort to improve the capabilities of their Army, Air Force, Navy, and National Guard. We can anticipate continued Saudi requests for spare parts and support services for U.S. equipment already sold to the Saudis.

-- It is also likely that as the Saudis continue to improve their defense capabilities, they will seek additional U.S. military equipment. At this point it is not possible to predict precisely what types and quantities of equipment the Saudis may request. However, we are aware that the Saudis are considering:

- -- The mechanization of two additional Army brigades, requiring the acquisition of additional tanks, APC's artillery, etc.
- -- Developing air mobility capability for their army, requiring the acquisition of helicopters.
- -- Improving their communications, command, and control capability.
- -- It is also likely the Saudis will seek additional construction services through the FMS program.